

BASKET CHANGE SLATED

Two Clashes at "Y" Saturday Night Expected to Materially Change Averages.

HEXATHLON MEETS HELD THIS WEEK

BASKET tossers of the City league are slated to switch the figures in the percentage column on Wednesday night when two rapid fire contests will be held on the "Y" floor. And the four running boys in the Wednesday games will be a lot more class than either of the two played last Saturday.

The Cactus five is booked to meet the me C-camers in the first session, which starts at 8 o'clock. Inasmuch as the Laundry bunch slipped one over on the Mesilla collegians not many nights ago, the Cactus crew isn't going to have everything their way, is the belief. Although the Cactusians have yet to play the college five, they welcomed the Acme outfit, 23 to 16, in some time ago. Since then, the cleaners have taken a different stride.

A little between the topnotchers of the league is slated in the second Wednesday contest, ending at 9 o'clock. In this fracas the College will attempt to slip one over on the Banks who to date hold the high honors of the league. So far, the collegians have a win over the Banks, 40 to 16, in the season. At that time, however, the Nationals' tower of strength on defense, Schumacher, was under the weather. Right now though, the husky guard is in swell shape if he plays like he has been performing in the last few contests.

Every "Y" member is expected to get into the hexathlon finals to be held in the gymnasium on the regular class days this week. A large number of boys have been worked out in the trials during the past two weeks and the likely ones are to be used in these finals. All boys who have not had a trial in the prelims will get their chance to qualify this week. The tests in the Power classes will be held today and on Thursday. This includes 40 and 60 pounds boys. All of the groups will be tested on Tuesday and Friday. The weight specifications follow: 60 to 80, 81 to 95, 96 to 110, 111 to 125 and 126 over 125 pounds. Every contestant must be under 18 years of age. Physical director Holm wants to confer with all boys who have not entered into the trials. Last year El Paso won the state championship and finished fourth in the International. This is a strong record. Consequently, the International championship is the goal for this season's work.

FABER IN FOLD. Manager Rowland of the White Sox, Dallas Red Faber is a holdout. The Sox leader has returned from Dubuque, Iowa, but said his trip had nothing to do with the fact that the Chicago hurler has not signed. It was purely a pleasure jaunt, says Rowland.

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TIGERS EXPECT TO WIN

Old Story is Heard From Detroit Club But Dopesters Think They'll Hustle.

JENNINGS RECRUITS SOME NEW PITCHERS

NEW YORK, March 6.—Hughes Jennings and his Detroit Tigers have a habit of making themselves conspicuous in the American league. They are usually in the thick of a pennant race, and the baseball prognosticators are pretty well agreed that 1917 will find them fighting in the first division, where they made a third place finish last fall.

But in line with the advance "dope" that indicates a red hot race again this year, these Tigers will have a world of opposition, and their road toward pennantville is going to be full of rough spots. In the 1916 race the champion Red Sox and the White Sox were the big stumbling blocks for the Tigers. On games played with both of the Sox teams Detroit came out of the small end of the horn, for Jennings' boys lost 14 out of 22 games with Boston and 13 out of 22 against the White Stockings. The Cleveland Indians held the Tigers even on games played, winning 11 and losing a like number with the Tigers. Cleveland's stubborn playing did not aid the Tigers by a long shot, but the remaining clubs were comparatively easy for them.

However, 1917 is a brand new season, and Jennings and his boys are going into the coming race full of fight and with bright prospects of making another strong finish—and perhaps winning the flag. There is nothing consistent in the business of trying to tell in advance where any ball club will finish in a long race. The only thing a baseball scribe has to work on is the "dope" gleaned from past performances.

The "dope" on the Tigers indicates that they are well fortified with hitting and fielding strength. They finished the 1916 season leading the league in club batting, with a team average of .384, and they fielded .957 as a team, finishing fourth in this department. The earned run column shows that they have a stout punch, and in total bases for the season they were far in the van last fall. Everybody credits Detroit with having a real base running team. All this must be considered in stating up the Tigers but the fact that the pitching of the Tiger staff last season was the weak link in Jennings' machine must also be considered.

The training camp roster of the Jenningsites reveals the fact that he will make a strong effort to bolster the hurling department for five new pitchers who have been picked up by the Tigers will be given tryouts, while six of the veterans complete the list of seasoned pitchers. Boland, Coveleski, Cunningham, Danza, James and Mitchell are the standbys who must constitute the backbone of Detroit's pitching staff.

The newcomers who are to get chances to dislodge some of the vets as regular pitchers are Johnny Cough, from San Francisco, who won a majority of his games last season; Howard Ehmke, who was the twirling star of the New York State league champions at Syracuse and who comes to

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the Tigers highly touted. Ehmke establishes a new strikeout record in his league by fanning out 195 batsmen. Charley Watson, from Dennison, of the Western association, won 14 games and lost six. He is also a good prospector. Two other pitchers are Jones and Woods, recruits from the Ivory fields.

MUGGSY BATS OUT SCHUPP'S CURVES

Marlin, Tex., March 6.—Hitting Schupp isn't any cinch under any circumstances, but when you take into consideration an unpleasantly chilly day and an audience of critical baseball players and would be players, it becomes increasingly difficult. But McGraw did it, although he was the only one of the Giant troupe here to succeed. McGraw popped three of Schupp's offerings into the air back of third, and then told Benton to replace Schupp. "The Ruben's overhand ball is a cherry pie for me," he said.

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Strolls Through Sportville

BY WILLIAM F. KIRK.

THE YOUNG PITCHER.

My brother Jack is going to play For John McGraw this summer, The pieces in the paper say He's going to be a hummer. The papers say that he's a "find"— Pa says the paper's crazy And says a man that isn't blind Could see my brother's lazy.

The papers say my brother Jack Can stand hard work and plenty. It says that he should ought to be A star when he is twenty. Pa says them papers think their wise, But if they see Jack hustling They must have something in their eyes 'Cause Jack ain't built for bustling.

"This here McGraw," my Pa he says, "If fellers loaf, he'll know it, And Jack's so sleepy in his ways It won't take long to show it. You bet," says Pa, "I'd like to warn The world that kid's a shirk. The greatest leader ever born Can't lead my Jack to work!"

Home Folks.

"Young Blake is going to New York town," said old Abner Boggs. "I allers said that there young clown was goin' to the dogs. He's going to pitch or catch or field for that McGraw, I hear. I reckon now his doom is sealed. He needn't think we kerr! I only hope he'll stay away and not come back to eat some day. 'I've watched that kid for fifteen year. He's lazier than his dad. The old man gits up on his ear when folks advise the lad. I don't see how he can allow that kid's got any sense when he won't do to milk a cow or mend a broken fence. 'Bout all that he is apt to be is some tarantula dude, and I can't see how sich as he can earn their clothes and food. No, he'll be bound, the dern young ape, to git in some tarantula scrape!"

"The Blakes is all a shiftless lot," continued good old Boggs. "Bout all that kid has ever did is wear them fancy ties. A kid that smokes a cigaret can't come to no good end, and he'll get his, you needn't fret—and then he'll want a friend. You mark my words—he'll come back here flat broke inside another year." It is a pleasure to record the sequel to this chatter. Young Blake became a pet of fame and baffled many a batter. Within two years, so it appears, his salary jumped so high that his home folks had jewels and cloaks and all that gold could buy. He raised the mortgage on the farm before the years was over and with his splendid pitching arm he pitched them into clover. Aside from this, his greatest joy in gathering the kule was fooling all the dear old warts who roared that he would fail.

Lefthanded Limericks.

There was a young pitcher named Kitching Left-handed at huyzing and pitching. His right arm he'd take To his girl's brother Jake To keep the young urchin from snitching.

Another left-hander named Fife Had used his left arm all his life Except when he ate When he went at his plate With his trusty right fin and his knife.

Another left-handed young gent Was a pretty fair dub as dubs went. With his pitching this dub Kept his family in grub Though all of the year seemed like Lent.

HENDRY LIKELY YANKEE FIELDER

New Orleans Boy Ranks Second to None in Yank Camp for Steady Berth.

Macon, Ga., March 6.—A real contender for the honor of an outfield berth with the Yankees has loomed up in the person of Tim Hendry.

Hendry tried out here with the Yankees a year ago, but he did not get beyond the training camp as a Yank. He was shunted to the Richmond club of the International league, this sentence being due to the fact that he was slow of foot in the outfield and not fast on the bases. He reported so many pounds above real playing weight that he offered no real opposition to such players as Maisei, Magee, Gil-hoolley and High.

In the fall he was recalled after injuries had shut the Yankee east to pieces, and even then after a season in the minors a bulging waist line led to the belief that his weight was against him ever making a long sojourn in the majors.

That idea no longer exists. Hendry reported here last Saturday weighing about 20 pounds less than he weighed a year ago, from the standpoint of condition and trim build the New Orleans outfielder ranks second to none in the Yank camp today. He skis around fast even at this stage of the preliminary season and in a few days Magee and High will realize what Gil-hoolley and Maisei like others now in camp have already discovered. Hendry will surely make a real fight for a regular berth.

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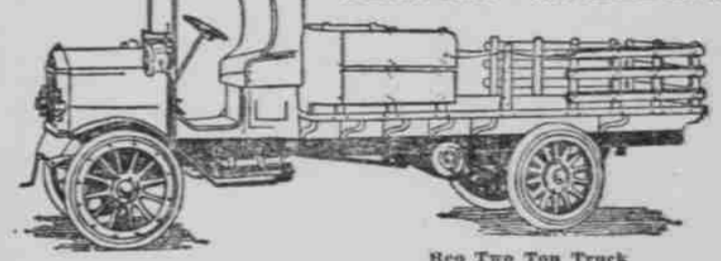
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